

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of :
Wolfgang HEIL et al. : Group Art Unit: Unknown
Serial No.: Not Yet Assigned : Examiner: Unassigned
Filed: January 11, 2001 :
For: DROSPIRENONE FOR HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Page 1, Insert the following paragraph after "FIELD OF INVENTION":

--This application claims benefit of the filing date of provisional application filed January 11, 2001 (Atty. Docket: PLOVIN-2), corresponding to converted non-provisional application Serial Number 09/484,026.--

In the Claims:

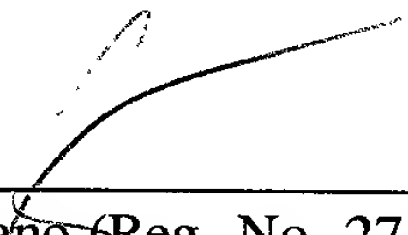
Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".
Claim 9, line 1, delete "or 6".
Claim 51, line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.
Claim 52, line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.
Claim 53, line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.
Claim 58, line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 45" and insert --claim 32--.
Claim 62, line 1, delete "any of claims 32 to 61" and insert --claim 32--.
Claim 64, line 1, delete "any of claims 46 to 61" and insert --claim 46--.

Claim 72, **line 1,** delete "any of claims 65 to 71" and insert --claim 65--.
Claim 73, **line 1,** delete "any of claims 65 to 71" and insert --claim 65--.
Claim 74, **line 1,** delete "any of claims 65 to 71" and insert --claim 65--.

REMARKS

The above is believed to be self-explanatory.

Respectfully submitted,



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